

# BEAT MUNCHAUSEN AND YET ONLY KIDS

One Runaway Tells Dr. Buchana  
How His Mother Was Killed  
With a Spike.

AND GREAT TRAVELERS, TO

### Half-Frozen Youngsters Picked Up While Trying to Reach Luray

Scantly clad and shivering from long exposure in the cold wind, two small white boys, giving their names as Frank and Thomas Williams, thirteen and ten years old, were brought to the Associated Charities late yesterday afternoon by a policeman who found them wandering on Main Street near the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Depot. According to their story, they are first cousins and orphans, and

are trying to make their way to Luray in Page county, where they say a man named Oscar Baker has agreed to give them a home. Being so small the officer carried them to Dr. Buchanan instead of placing them in the police station and preferring charges of vagrancy.

**Related Wonderful Tale.**  
At the Associated Charities building last night Frank, the elder and brighter of the two, acted as spokesman. His statements were corroborated by a moderate companion with a mop of the head and an occasional word by way of emphasis. He stated that they were born near Sperryville, Rappahannock county, that his father had been

dead some time, and that his mother died about a year ago, leaving him alone. Tom's mother had died some time before, having been killed, he said, by her brother, who drove a spike through her head. Since that time they have lived constantly together for the first several months in the native country.

Then they began to wander from house to house, getting lodging where they were able, and staying as long as the farmers could afford to keep them. About a month ago, the boys said, the letter from Mr. Baker was received, and they determined to go to him. Traveling without money was rather slow. It took them about a week to reach the Cheapeake and

**Can't Reach Mr. Baker.**  
Yesterday, said Frank, they told their story to two white men, who offered to pay their way as far as this city. "Mr. Baker wrote us," he said, "to be at his place by Monday, but we can't make it at this time now."

The police were notified last night of the escape from the Children's Home of two boys, Leonard Traylor and Reuben Hendricks, ten and eleven years of age. The fact that the younger of the two at the Associated Charities said that his mother had been in the hospital for some time, gave rise to the suspicion that they are runaways and that their pathetic story was invented. Officers of the society will come down to-day to identify them.

## ONE HUNDRED ARRESTS

Police Have Busy Time Handling Drunks Saturday.

More arrests were made Saturday than on any previous Saturday for some months past, the total number

reaching exactly 100. In the First District fifty-eight were locked up, and in the Second, forty-two. Most of the arrests were for ordinary drunkenness and for misdemeanors, but few of the cases being for felony. Both pairs of wagons were kept busy until nearly morning hauling in the prisoners, some of whom were staggering about the street, and totally unable to get out of the way of the police. They were downed and out.

**Unknown Colored Woman Lay Down to Sleep to Death.**

An unknown colored woman was found dead at 6 o'clock yesterday morning in the rear of 1317 Blaine Street. She had evidently lain down

to sleep for a shawl was sucked under her head and another piece of cloth was wrapped around her. Coroner Taylor was notified. He viewed the remains, but though many people looked

at the body, none could identify it as to sleep, for a shawl was tucked under taker Hayes. It is thought the woman died of hemorrhage and exposure.

**Dr. Taylor to Read Paper.**  
A meeting of the Richmond Academy

of Medicine and Surgery will be held in the Travelers' Protective Association Building, Third and Main Streets to-morrow night. A paper will be read by Dr. H. M. Taylor.

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